

ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 12th, 2023
10:30am Holy Eucharist

The crèche (nursery) is attended and available for babies and toddlers.

Prelude: Ave Maria Stella

G. Cavazzoni

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Opening Hymn: #7 New Every Morning Is the Love

PLEASE STAND

New every morning is the love our wakening and uprising prove;
Through sleep and darkness safely brought, restored to life and power and thought.

New mercies, each returning day, hover around us while we pray;
New perils past, new sins forgiven, new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind be set to hallow all we find,
New treasures still of countless price God will provide for sacrifice.

Old friends, old scenes will lovelier be, as more of heaven in each we see;
Some softening gleam of love and prayer shall dawn on every cross and care.

The trivial round, the common task, will furnish all we ought to ask:
Room to deny ourselves, a road to bring us daily nearer God.

Only, O Lord, in thy dear love fit us for perfect rest above;
And help us, this and every day, to live more nearly as we pray.

The Apostolic Greeting & Collect for Purity

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Almighty God,

People: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria

1. Glo - ry be to God in the high - est, peace on earth in all our days.
 2. You are seat - ed with the Fath - er, hear our prayer, by all a - dored.

Lord and King, al - might - y Fath - er, laud and thanks to you we raise.
 You a - lone are High - est and Ho - ly, Je - sus Christ, you are the Lord,

Je - sus Christ, the Son of the Fath - er, Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God,
 in the glo - ry of the Fath - er, with the Spi - rit ev - er - more,

take, O take our sins a - way.
 with the Spi - rit. A - men.

Music: Franz Schubert
 Arr. & Trans: (c) D. Cowling

Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

PLEASE BE SEATED

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalms 50:1-6 PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

There is one Lord, one faith, one bap - ti - sm;



Music: J. Berthier
Taizé Community
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Choir: The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun.
Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory.

People: **There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism;**
There is one God who is Father of all.

Choir: Our God will come and not keep silence; before him there is a consuming fire.
He calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgement of his people.

People: **There is one Lord . . .**

Choir: Gather before me, my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me.
Let the heavens declare his cause for God himself is the judge.

People: **There is one Lord . . .**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth.

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND

Cantor: *People:*

1. Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, ha - le lu - jah!

Cantor:

Hal - le - lu - jah, ha - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

People:

Hal - le - lu - jah, ha - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! repeat v.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgement.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: Fr. Michelle Childs-Ward

(After the sermon, please keep a period of silence for reflection.)

The Apostles' Creed

PLEASE STAND

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presider: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our prayers to God.

The Prayers of the People

PLEASE KNEEL OR STAND AS YOU PREFER

Please respond to the petition, "True and Living God" with the response, "Help us know you more deeply."

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

PLEASE STAND

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: And also with you!

(We encourage you to share a sign of peace with those around you as you are comfortable.)

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

We share God's banquet of love for this community of faith

Offertory Hymn: CP#482 Come and Journey with a Saviour

Come and journey with a Saviour who has called us from our birth,

Who has washed us in the waters, and who loved us on the earth.

Come and journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has come.

We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one.

Come and journey, journey inward, come and seek him deep within,

Where he meets us in our living, in our striving and our sin. *Refrain.*

Come and journey, journey outward, telling others of his name,

Telling others of his glory, of his cross and of the shame. *Refrain.*

Come and journey, journey outward, where that cross calls us to care,

Where injustice and where hunger and the poor call us to share. *Refrain.*

Come and journey, journey upward. Sing his praises, offer prayer.

In the storm and in the stillness find his presence everywhere. *Refrain.*

Come and journey, journey onward; all our gifts we now shall bring

To the building of a city that is holy, Christ its King. *Refrain.*

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider: *People:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise

The Presiding Celebrant will begin the Eucharistic Prayer by either singing or saying the preface to the prayer. The preface will conclude with the words "to proclaim the glory of your name."

We then sing verses 1-2 of the Sanctus as follows:

1. Lord God of pow'r and might, Lord God of pow'r and might,
2. Bless - ed is he who comes, comes in the name of God,
3&4. (below)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!

Your glo - ry fills the heav'n, your glo - ry fills the earth,
Ho - san - na ev - er - more, ho - san - na ev - er - more,
3. Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry for ev - er - more!
4. Glo - ry to you, O Lord, glo - ry for ev - er - more!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
Glo - ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to you!
A - men, A - men, A - men.

The Presiding Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

After the words over the cup and the elevation of the chalice, we sing verse 3 of the Sanctus:

People: (verse 3) **Glory to you, O Lord; glory for evermore!**
Glory, glory, glory to you!

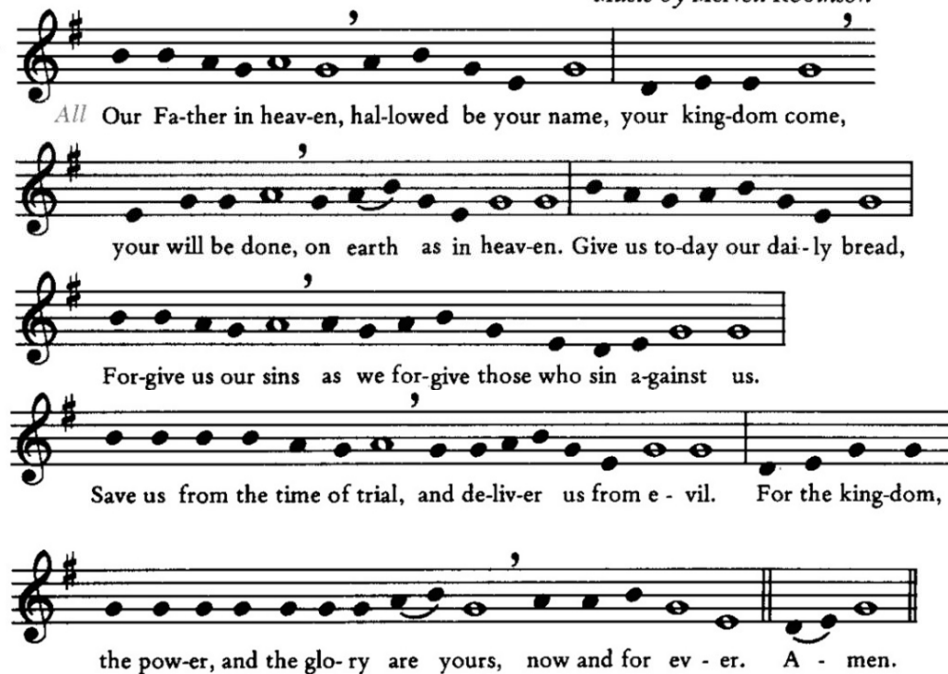
*The Presiding Celebrant concludes the Eucharistic Prayer,
and at the elevation of the bread and cup, we sing verse 4 of the Sanctus:*

People: (verse 4) **Glory to you, O Lord; glory for evermore!**
Amen, amen, amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

Music by McNeil Robinson



All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread,
 For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-against us.
 Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom,
 the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread #6

Presider: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Song for the Breaking of Bread

Sing 5 times:



Ha-py are those who are called to the sup - per of the Lamb;
 Al - le - lu - - - ia! ia, A - men!

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Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

All: **Happy are those . . .**

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

All: **Happy are those . . .**

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Grant us peace.

All: **Happy are those . . .**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

PLEASE BE SEATED

All are welcome to come forward to the altar rail. Those who are baptised may receive the sacrament of holy communion. Those who do not wish to receive communion are welcome to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this to the priest. This invitation is extended to all – children and infants included.

*If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, please cross your hands over your chest when you are presented with the chalice.
Dipping the bread in the chalice is not permitted. Receiving in one kind is considered full participation in the sacrament.*

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Music During Communion

Anthem: Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

H. Willan

Prayer after Communion

PLEASE STAND

The Doxology

Presider: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Polychronia ("Many Years")

(Tune: Tallis' Canon)

Celebrant: Let us call down God's blessing:

**All: God give you many, many years to thank him for his blessings here.
And many, many, many more to pray God still his grace to pour.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: CP #486 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Dismissal

Postlude: Be Still My Soul

J. Sibelius

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